

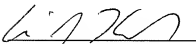
### III. REMARKS

1. Claims 42, 45-49, 57-67 and 70-75 are withdrawn.
2. Applicant elects Group IB (i.e. claims 44 and 50-52) of Group I (i.e. claims 41-56 and 64-69) for further prosecution. It is noted that claims 41, 43, 53-56, 68 and 69 will be examined along with Group IB.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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